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1. FOLOWING SYNOPSES OF KEY SECTIONS VARIOUS OIL POLLU-
TION CONVENTIONS SENT PER YOUR REQUEST:

A. 1954 CONVENTION FOR PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF SEA BY
OIL PROHIBITS (WITH USUAL SAFETY AND FORCE MAJEUR EXCEP-
TIONS) DISCHARGE OF OIL OR OILY MIXTURE OF MORE THAN
100 PARTS PER MILLION IN ALL SEA AREAS LESS THAN 50 MILES

FROM LAND AND IN CERTAIN PROHIBITED ZONES AS MUCH AS 100 TO 150 MILES FROM LAND, BUT DOES NOT APPLY TO OTHER AREAS OF OCEANS. MORE PROHIBITED ZONES ADDED IN 1962, BUT NONE INCLUDED AREAS OFF MEXICO, SO 50 MILE RULE APPLIES. ALL SHIPS REQUIRED RECORD DISCHARGES IN OIL RECORD BOOK.

B. 1969 AMENDMENTS ELIMINATE SPECIAL ZONES BUT PROHIBIT ANY VISIBLE DISCHARGE OF OIL WITHIN 50 MILES OF NEAREST LAND AND ESTABLISH FOR FIRST TIME DISCHARGE STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO AREAS BEYOND 50 MILES THAT INCLUDE INSTANTANEOUS DISCHARGE RATE OF OIL CONTENT NOT EXCEEDING 60 LITRES PER MILE AND TOTAL QUANTITY OF OIL DISCHARGED ON BALLAST VOYAGE NOT EXCEEDING ONE FIFTEEN THOUSANDTH TOTAL CARGO CARRYING CAPACITY. AS IN 1954 CONVENTION OIL CONTENT DISCHARGE MUST NOT EXCEED 100 PARTS PER MILLION. CLEAN BALLAST CAN BE DISCHARGED ONLY IF IT DOES NOT PRODUCE VISIBLE TRACE ON SURFACE IN CALM WATER WHEN TANKER STATIONARY. OIL RECORD BOOK WITH IMPROVED FORMAT REQUIRED.

C. 1973 CONVENTION, WHICH NOT YET IN FORCE, INCORPORATES 1969 DISCHARGE STANDARDS, BUT ALSO REQUIRES OIL MONITORING AND CONTROL SYSTEM, RESTRICTS DISCHARGE FROM NEW TANKERS TO ONE THIRTY THOUSANDTH TOTAL CARGO, AND COVERS REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AS WELL AS CRUDES. IT RESTORES CONCEPT SPECIAL AREAS IN MEDITERRANEAN, BALTIC, BLACK AND RED SEAS, PERSIAN GULF AND PROHIBITS ALL DISCHARGES FROM TANKERS AND OTHER SHIPS OVER 400 TONS GROSS IN THESE AREAS. TANKERS OTHERWISE CANNOT DISCHARGE WITH-

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IN 50 MILES NEAREST LAND, OTHER SHIPS WITHIN 12 MILES. 1973 CONVENTION ALSO SETS CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS THAT INCLUDE SEGREGATED BALLAST FOR ALL PORT RECEPTION FACILITIES AND HAS SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SHIPS CARRYING IN BULK NOXIOUS LIQUID SUBSTANCES OTHER THAN OIL.

2. IF EMBASSY NEEDS INFO ON U.S. IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION FOR 1954 CONVENTION AS AMENDED, IT AVAILABLE IN 33 USC 1001 ET. SEQ.
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